

JOHN ROACH NOT VERY POOR

BIS SHIPBUILDING LIKELY TO GO ON WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT.

His Representatives Ask for a Consultation with the Secretary of the Navy.—Mr. Rosch Said to Have \$2 for Every \$1 He Owes.

It was very quiet around John Roach's office and works in East Ninth street yesterday until 5 P.M., when the discharged workmen came around and received the wages due them for labor on last Friday and Saturday. Three thousand dollars was the amount of the pay roll. The hands on the shipbuilder's Ophir farm in Worcester county were paid off in the morning, and at night Garrett Roach said that his father owed no workman a penny. He had never been sued, he had never sued anybody, and he had never had a note presented to him.

Lawyer Henry W. Bookstaver, who has charge of Mr. Roach's affairs, worked a while in the shipbuilder's office in the morning at making out an inventory of assets and a list of creditors. It would be several days before he finished the work, he said; but the indications were that there were \$2 to pay every dollar of debt.

In this case, apparently, there will be a little something left to keep the wolf from Mr. Roach's door. George E. Weed, treasurer of the Moran Iron Works, and one of Mr. Roach's assignees, said yesterday that Mr. Roach owned \$100,000 worth of property. His liabilities could not be told, Mr. Weed said. Mr. Roach's representative hoped to have an interview with Secretary Whitney. They had telegraphed to Mr. Whitney, he said, to let him know what they understood better the Administration's attitude, they would know what to do. It was not unlikely that the vessel would be sold.

"I am a rich man," said his lawyer, Mr. Aaron J. Vanderpool. "He can pay a good deal more than his owes." Attorney-General Garfield, in his speech at the trial of the Boston Massacre, said that it hampered Mr. Roach's progress upon the other crusades. It has worried him nearly into his grave. His health is not good, and he has been forced to give up his office to his sons in the hands of assignees that he has in his own hands. John Roach is the only one of the three brothers who are still alive.

The Boston Evening Transcript, however, noted that the young money would not lend him any more. They came to me to get my advice, and I told them that if you want to get your money back, just don't quit and wait out the yard. I did not know any one had been out there till now."

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